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NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 | 1:15 p.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Chair
Rep. Keven J. Stratton, Chair
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Joel Ferry
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Phil Lyman
Rep. Calvin R. Musselman

Rep. Casey Snider
Rep. Christine F. Watkins
Rep. Logan Wilde

Members Absent:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen
Rep. Michael K. McKell
Rep. Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

Mr. J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Ms. Patricia Owen, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Rikka Strong, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Sidnee Bailey, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Committee Business

Chair Okerlund called the meeting to order at 1:28 p.m.

Chair Okerlund expressed appreciation to Brian Allred for his service to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim committee.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2019, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 10.

Yeas-9

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. J. Ferry
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-10

Rep. S. Chew
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. McKell
Rep. C. Musselman
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

2 . Secondary Water - Metering Report

Brian Steed, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, and Candice Hasenyager, Division of Natural Resources, presented a report on metering secondary water.

[Secondary Water - Metering Report Presentation](#)

[Secondary Water - Metering Report Handout](#)

3 . Legislative Water Development Commission Report

Sen. Hinkins, Chair, Legislative Water Development Commission, presented the Legislative Water Development Commission report.

4 . Draft Legislation: "Concurrent Resolution Creating the Old Iron Town State Monument"

Patricia Owen, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, presented the draft legislation: "Concurrent Resolution Creating the Old Iron Town State Monument."

[Draft Legislation: "Concurrent Resolution Creating the Old Iron Town State Monument"](#)

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to recommend as a committee bill, "Concurrent Resolution Creating the Old Iron Town State Monument." The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 9.

Yeas-10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. J. Ferry
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-9

Rep. S. Chew
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. McKell
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

5 . Draft Legislation: "Concurrent Resolution Creating the Danger Cave State Monument"

Patricia Owen presented the draft legislation "Concurrent Resolution Creating the Danger Cave State Monument."

[Draft Legislation: "Concurrent Resolution Creating the Danger Cave State Monument"](#)

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved recommend as a committee bill, "Concurrent Resolution Creating the Danger Cave State Monument." The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 9.

Yeas-10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. J. Ferry
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-9

Rep. S. Chew
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. McKell
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

6 . Draft Legislation: "Water Banking Amendments"

Sen. Iwamoto, Nathan Bracken, Water Attorney, Smith Hartrigson, and Emily Lewis, Clyde Snow & Sessions, presented the draft legislation: "Water Banking Amendments" and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

[Draft Legislation: "Water Banking Amendments"](#)

7 . Draft Legislation: "Industrial Hemp Amendments"

Rikka Strong, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel and Andrew Rigby, Director, Medical Cannabis and Industrial Hemp Programs, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, presented the draft legislation: "Industrial Hemp Amendments," and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

[Draft Legislation: "Industrial Hemp Amendments"](#)

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to recommend as a committee bill, "Industrial Hemp Amendments." The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-14

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. J. Ferry
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Musselman
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. M. McKell
Rep. M. Schultz

8 . Federalism Commission Report

Rep. Stratton presented a report on the Federalism Commission.

[2019 Federalism Commission Annual Report](#)

9 . Draft Legislation: "Raw Milk Product Amendments"

Rep. Coleman presented the draft legislation "Raw Milk Product Amendments."

[Draft Legislation: "Raw Milk Product Amendments"](#)

MOTION: Rep. Lyman moved to recommend as a committee bill, "Raw Milk Amendments." The motion failed with a vote of 8 - 5 - 6.

Yeas-8

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Duckworth
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-5

Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider

Absent-6

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. J. Ferry
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. M. McKell
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. L. Wilde

10 . Draft Legislation: "State Water Policy Amendments"

Brian Allred made technical clarifications.

Rep. Stratton presented the draft legislation: "State Water Policy Amendments," and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

[AMENDED - Draft Legislation: "State Water Policy Amendments"](#)

Steve Erickson, Utah Autobahn Council, and Great Basin Water Network, suggested changes in the bill.

Todd Adams, Deputy Director, Division of Water Resources, suggested a technical change to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Stratton moved to recommend as a committee bill, "State Water Policy Amendments" as amended by the Legislative Water Development Commission. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-15

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Musselman
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. M. McKell
Rep. M. Schultz

11 . Draft Legislation: "Agricultural Water Optimization Task Force Amendments"

Rep. Snider presented the draft legislation: "Agricultural Water Optimization Task Force Amendments."

[AMENDED - Draft Legislation: "Agricultural Water Optimization Task Force Amendments"](#)

James Greer, Member, Water Optimization Task Force, made clarifications in the bill and discussed appropriations for the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to recommend as a committee bill, "Agricultural Water Optimization Task Force Amendments" as amended by the Legislative Water Development Commission. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-15

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Musselman
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. M. McKell
Rep. M. Schultz

12 . Draft Legislation: "Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Municipal Water Resources"

Rep. Stratton presented the draft legislation: "Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Municipal Water Resources."

[Draft Legislation: "Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Municipal Water Resources"](#)

Fred Finlinson, Prep 60 Water Districts, spoke to the issue.

MOTION: Rep. Stratton moved to recommend as a committee bill, "Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Municipal Water Resources." The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-15

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Musselman
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. M. McKell
Rep. M. Schultz

13 . Draft Legislation: "Municipal Jurisdiction Water Amendments"

Rep. Stratton presented the draft legislation: "Municipal Jurisdiction Water Amendments."

14 . Draft Legislation: "Water Loss Accounting Act"

Rep. Melissa Ballard presented the draft legislation: "Water Loss Accounting Act" and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

Elaine Boyd, American Water Works Association, responded to questions and comments from the committee.

Todd Stonley, Division of Water Resources, responded to questions and comments from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to the next agenda item. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 5.



Yeas-14

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Musselman
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. McKell
Rep. M. Schultz

15 . Other Items/Adjourn

Chair Stratton expressed appreciation for the committee and asked Brian Allred to share his final remarks.

Brian Allred expressed appreciation for the committee and offered his final remarks.

MOTION: Rep. Hawkes moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-14

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Musselman
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. McKell
Rep. M. Schultz

Chair Okerlund adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.